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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 31, 2001. A Notice of Appeal was filed on April 30, 2001. Claims 1-6, 8, 11, 15, 17 and 18 are currently under examination. A one-month extension of time accompanies this response, extending the time to respond from June 30, 2001 to July 30, 2001.